| S. No. | Name of Place | Organisation |
|---|---|---|
| 43. | Tuticorin | M/s. Raja Agencies |
| 44. | Calcutta | M/s. Sriram Warehousing Ltd. |
| 45. | Calcutta | M/s. Continental Warehousing Corporation Ltd. |
| 46. | Haldia | M/s. Tata Steel |

**Duties on Indian steel imports by US**

†*395. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2111, given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th December, 2001, and state how many times the rates of import duty on steel were increased by USA during the period from March, 1998 to February, 2002, and how much the same has been increased in each case alongwith the details of its effect on the steel trade of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): The reply to Unstarred Question 2111 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7th December, 2001 gives information on the anti-dumping and countervailing anti-subsidy duties imposed by the US against import of steel from India and not on the structure of import duty on steel existing in USA. The details of the anti-dumping and countervailing investigations conducted by USA against import of steel items from India since April, 1999 are as given below:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(i) *Cut-to-length Carbon Steel Plates:*

| Nature of investigation | Status/Details |
|---|---|
| Anti-dumping & Anti-subsidy (Countervailing) | US had initiated investigation in March, 1999. SAIL was the targeted company. Final duties (Anti-dumping 72.49%) (Anti-subsidy 12.8%) were imposed by US in February, 2000. GOI has taken up the matter with the Dispute Settlement Body of WTO. A panel has been constituted to examine the issues in this dispute. First submission by GOI has been made before the Panel on 19th November, 2001. According to the schedule of the Panel, the final report would be circulated to WTO members by June, 2002. |

(ii) *Hot-rolled Steel Flat Products:*

| Nature of investigation | Status/Details |
|---|---|
| Anti-dumping & Anti-subsidy (Countervailing) | In December, 2000, the US DOC initiated these investigations. In November, 2001 US authorities have announced the final determination. The anti-dumping duties (company-wise) ranging from 36.53% to 44.40% and anti-subsidy duties (company wise) ranging from 9.17% to 31.89% have been imposed in respect of the exports from India. |

(iii) *Cold Rolled Steel Products:*

| Nature of investigation | Status/Details |
|---|---|
| Anti-dumping & Anti-subsidy (Countervailing) | In October, 2001 the US ITC instituted AD/CVD investigations against import of certain cold-rolled steel products imported into USA from 20 countries including India. The preliminary determination was due on 7th March, 2002. However in keeping with the petitioners request the US DOC has postponed the preliminary determination until 26.4.2002. |

In addition to the above the US President announced temporary safeguard measures on 5th March, 2002 against import of certain steel products and imposing tariff of 8% to 30% and tariff rate quotas. India has been excluded from the safeguard action except in the category of carbon flanges for which the tariff will be 13% (first year) 10% (second year) and 7% (third year).

**Non-cleaning of lakes**

†*396. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the beauty of lakes in the country is vanishing due to non-cleaning of lakes particularly those close to tourist places, and rapidly increasing tendency of poaching the birds;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the amount allocated by

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